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IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL OF MARCH 20, "EL TIEMPO" SAN PEDRO SULA'S
SECOND LARGEST DAILY COMMENTED UPON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE NEUTRALITY TREATY.

THE HONDURAS DAILY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE ISSUE OF
PANAMANIAN SOVERIEGHTY, " SEVERELY USURPED BY THE OLD TREATY"
WAS AT STAKE. SHOULD ARMED CONFLICT BREAK OUT BETWEEN
PANAMA AND THE U.S., OPINED EL TIEMPO IN A PARAGRAPH OF
IMPRECISE SPECULATION, THE U.S. WOULD BE "LACKING MORAL
AND LEGAL JUSTIFICATION, NOT ONLY BEFORE THE PANAMANIAN
PEOPLE AND THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, BUT BEFORE THE ENTIRE
WORLD."

THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH A REPETITION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY
THEME:SHOULD THE TREATIES ULTIMATELY BE REJECTED AS A
RESULT OF THE NEW SENATE AMENDMENTS,THE REST OF THE WORLD
"WILL SEE THAT THE GREATEST POWER OF THE CONTINENT STILL
DOES NOT DIVEST ITSELF OF THE OLD INSTRUMENTS OF DOMINATION
AND INTERVENTION. AS A RESULT, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY IN
PANAMANIAN RELATIONS IS ESSENTIAL.

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